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SUBJECT: MUNICH CSU CHIEF DISAPPROVES KREUTH DECISION, CALLS  
FOR CDU/CSU UNITY

1. IN CHRISTMAS LETTER TO ALL MEMBERS OF CSU'S MUNICH DISTRICT,  
ERICH KIESL, THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN STATES THAT HE IS "UNABLE  
TO APPROVE" KREUTH DECISION.

2. KIESL DECLARES THAT MUNICH CSU WILL DO EVERYTHING TO PRE-  
SERVE JOINT EFFECTIVENESS OF CDU AND CSU. "I HOPE," SAYS KIESL,  
"WITH ALL OF YOU THAT THE EMOTIONALLY BALANCED FORCES IN BOTH  
PARTIES WILL BE ABLE TO PREVENT FRATERNAL STRIFE."

3. KIESL CRITICIZES MANNER IN WHICH KREUTH DECISION WAS TAKEN  
AND STATES THAT DECISION COULD ONLY SERVE A PURPOSE IF FOLLOWED  
BY FOUNDATION OF FOURTH PARTY. OTHERWISE, SEPARATION OF CDU  
AND CSU "FRAKTIONS" REDUCES POSSIBILITY OF EFFECTIVE MUTUAL  
CONTACTS BETWEEN THE PARTIES.

4. IN CONTRAST TO STRAUSS, KIESL CLAIMS THAT CSU BUNDESTAG  
DEPUTIES WOULD HAVE MORE CLOUT IN A JOINT CDU/CSU "FRAKTION."

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5. COMMENT: KIESL LETTER SUGGESTS THERE IS SERIOUS UNREST IN MUNICH CSU. PURPOSE OF LETTER MAY BE TO PREVENT CENTRIFUGAL FORCES SET IN MOTION BY KREUTH DECISION FROM SPLITTING MUNICH CSU WIDE OPEN.

5. KIESL IS CAUGHT BETWEEN CONFLICTING DEMANDS: TO MAINTAIN HIS PERSONAL POWER BASE, HE MUST CHART COURSE WHICH PRESERVES UNITY OF MUNICH CSU; SO LONG AS STRAUSS IS CSU CHAIRMAN, KIESL MUST RETAIN STRAUSS' SUPPORT IF HE WISHES TO ATTAIN PERSONAL AMBITION OF BECOMING BAVARIAN MIN-INTERIOR; IF KIESL LEAVES STRAUSS CAMP TO JOIN A CDU MOVEMENT IN BAVARIA, HE WILL SPLIT MUNICH CSU AND RETAIN CONTROL OF ONLY ONE PART OF IT.  
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